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From: President, Marine Corps University  
To: All USMC School and Detachment Commanders  
Subj: REVISED MARINE CORPS' PROFESSIONAL READING PROGRAM  
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1. Per the reference, the Commandant of the Marine Corps has revised the Professional Reading Program to generate a more in-depth approach to our professional education during this period of dynamic change within our Nation's strategic landscape. Initially developed by the 29<sup>th</sup> Commandant, General A. M. Gray, to promote the pursuit of life-long learning, the Professional Reading Program has served an important role in providing Marines with historically based works that emphasize warfighting and encompass a broad context of military study. The reading program has been designed to support the educational framework of Marines at all levels of leadership and continues to provide instructive support to all formal schools.

2. The Commandant demands that all Marines maximize the use of the reading program. Leaders should establish the most beneficial programs that allow Marines to best exploit the vast array of reading materials on the list. Dialogue and discussion groups can facilitate the critical-thinking skills that are necessary for the professional growth and creativity of Marines, regardless of rank or MOS background. Today's warfare continually demands flexibility and split-second decision-making skills from Marines at all levels. Thus, the Professional Reading Program serves as a mechanism to develop the individual Marine's intellectual framework and tactical calculations.

3. Marine Corps University will continue to support all USMC Schools' efforts in utilizing the program and provide assistance with any educational or training needs.

  
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